THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

(It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the sinking of a bore-well for agricultural purpose.)

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Income from sales tax and Inter-State trade.

* 676 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the estimated income for the State from the sales tax on Inter-State trade arising out of the Supreme Court's interpretation of Article 286 of the Constitution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" About Rs. 78,48,361."

Grant of house-sites to Harijans in the City of Madras.

* 677 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Harijans were granted house-sites in the City of Madras in the year 1953; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Construction of a road in North Malabar.

* 678 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct a road in North Malabar avoiding the French territory of Mahe, when going from South to North?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes Sir, to provide greater facilities to the public."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I want to put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already told the House that there are a number of important Bills before it. If the hon. Member puts it as a separate question, I will have it placed before the House."

Assignment of reserve forest lands to Harijans of Kattumailur, Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 679 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any mahazar from the landless Harijans of Kattumailur village, Vriddhachalam taluk.

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South Arcot district about two years ago to assign to them the reserve forest lands near their village for purposes of cultivation; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Recently three petitions were received.

" (b) Two of them were forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests for disposal. In one case, the Chief Conservator's remarks have been called for and the matter is under examination."

Acquisition of lands in the foreshore of Satyamangalam tank.

* 680 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the foreshore lands of Satyamangalam P.W.D. tank were acquired for the catchment area; and

(b) whether any compensation was paid to the owners of the said lands?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No land in the foreshore of Satyamangalam tank has yet been acquired, but the question of acquisition is under consideration.

" (b) Does not arise at present."

Tamil Nad Siddha Vaidya Sangam, Madurai.

* 681 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Tamil Nad Siddha Vaidya Sangam, Madurai, on 10th December 1953; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have instructed the Honorary Director of Indigenous Medicine to take necessary action on some of the resolutions while they have themselves passed orders on others except one which is still under consideration."

Repairs to the Kundera bridge in North Malabar.

* 682 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the Kundera bridge on the Payyanur-Peringom road, North Malabar has not yet been repaired?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The bridge was repaired and opened for traffic on 23rd January 1954."